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Pennsylvania Red Meat Production Up 18 Percent in February

Total red meat production for Pennsylvania totaled 118.7 million pounds in February 2016, up 18 percent from the 101.0 million pounds produced in February 2015, and up 1 percent from January 2016, according to King Whetstone, Director, Northeastern Regional Field Office, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 76,700 head, up 5 percent from February 2015. The average live weight was up 31 pounds from the previous year at 1,254 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter totaled 7,500 head, 15 percent above February 2015. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year at 435.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 292,900 head, up 24 percent from February 2015. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 4,400 head, 10 percent above February last year. The average live weight was 108 pounds, down 2 pounds from a year ago.

The complete Livestock Slaughter report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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